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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Vincent BOURGET
 AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH A CENTRAL REINFORCING ELEMENT
 MECHANICALLY COUPLED DIRECTLY TO THE OPTICAL FIBERS
Assignee: ALCATEL
 Our Ref. Q81187

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 31 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
 CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	3	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$770.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
TOTAL FEE									\$810.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

France

Application No

0305094

Filing Date

April 25, 2003

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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